Preliminary Amendment

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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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For: PROCESS OF AND SYSTEM FOR SEAMLESSLY EMBEDDING EXECUTABLE
       PROGRAM CODE INTO MEDIA FILE FORMATS SUCH AS Mp3 AND THE LIKE
       FOR EXECUTION BY DIGITAL MEDIA PLAYER AND VIEWING SYSYEMS

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Please add the following claims that provide an additional viewpoint of describing the
invention.

--37. A process for seamlessly embedding supplementary program content into digital

media streams during execution of such streams by digital media content presenting systems,

that comprises, providing supplementary digital program content in the form of executable

code; embedding the executable code into the digital stream; decoding the encoded code

during the presenting of the content of the stream by the system; and presenting the

supplementary program content of the decoding in response to such decoding during the

presenting of the stream content by the system.--

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01 FC:203   18.00 CH   38. The process of claim 37 wherein the embedding, decoding and presenting are
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effected by software control of a computer system; with the presenting effected as playing

and/or viewing at a computer screen.--

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Very respectfully,

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